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- 25X1 1. During the Austro-Bulgarian trade negotiations in Sofia in May-June 1952, the Bulgarians avoided demands for embargo goods from Austria, requesting instead delivery quotas on USIA (Upravlenie Sovetskimi Imushchestvom Austrii; Soviet Land Appropriation in Austria) items for which they will pay through clearing instead of importing illegally and paying USIA firms directly as in the past. Legal imports of USIA goods will total \$1,000,000, fifteen percent of all Austrian deliveries planned under the new agreement.
2. Before signing the trade treaty, Ivan Perpeliev, Bulgarian Vice Minister of Foreign Trade, called the agreement the "beginning of a new era in trade between the two countries," and "the first agreement of this type which Bulgarians have concluded with a Western country."
3. Various Bulgarian delegates at the trade negotiations repeatedly made the unofficial statement that "Austria is not the United States, the United Kingdom, or France; Bulgaria wants to build trade relations with Austria on this new basis, and maybe later with Switzerland, Italy, and West Germany."

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Comment:

the Soviets had authorized the Bulgarians to offer  
the grain and fodder quotas stipulated in the final agreements.

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